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FM JCS WASHINGTON DC

INFO RUEADWD/PTC WASH DC

RUSNNOA/USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GE

RUFCAID/USEUCOM AIDES VAIHINGEN GE

RUC CC/USCINCCENT MACDILL AFB FL

RUC KA/CDR4THPSYOP GP FT BRAGG NC//AFVS-POG-E-SSD//

RU QA/USCINCPAC HONOLULU HI

RU IA/CDR513THMIGP FT MONMOUTH NJ//IAM-IC-D//

RH RB/COMUSARCENT FT MCPHERSON GA//AFRD-DSO//

RH RA/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HI

RU KA/CDR8THPSYOPBN FT BRAGG NC

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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8094

INFO RUEHBJ/AMEMBASSY BEIJING 2202

RUEHIL/AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD 4669

RUEHMO/AMEMBASSY MOSCOW 4983

RUEHNE/AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI 6539

RUFHRO/AMEMBASSY ROME 4206

RUSBPW/AMCONSUL PESHAWAR 3282

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CONTROLS

CONFIDENTIAL KABUL 00300

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR

BODY

TAGS: PREL, PHUM, IT, UR, AF

SUBJECT: ITALIAN PRISONER REPORTED WHIPPED BY SOVIET
OFFICER

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR

REVIEWED by Belt

DATE OCT 1

☐ RELEASE☒ DECLASSIFY☒ EXCISE☐ DECLASSIFY in PART☐ DENY☐ Non-responsive info.☒ FOI/EO or PA exemptions

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TS authority to:

☐ CLASSIFY as

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☐ DOWNGRADE TS to ☐ S or ☐ C, OADR

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. [

RA HAD PERMITTED FIRST INTERVIEW.

PREVIOUS DAY WITH ITALIAN JOURNALIST
CAPTURED IN LAGHMAN PROVINCE, NOVEMBER 14. INTERVIEW
WAS CONDUCTED IN KAEUL HOTEL IN ITALIAN IN PRESENCE OF
TWO POLICE, ONE STATE SECURITY AND ONE PROTOCOL OFFICIAL.3. INDICATED THAT HE WAS CURRENTLY BEING
HELD IN AN UNIDENTIFIED KHAD (STATE SECURITY) JAIL.
UPON BEING APPREHENDED IN LAGHMAN PROVINCE,
ALLEGED THAT HE WAS WHIPPED ON HIS BACK AND SHOULDERS
BY A SOVIET OFFICER WHILE BEING INTERROGATED. (COMMENT:
OUR RECOLLECTION IS THAT USE OF PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT
FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTRACTING A CONFESSION IS DEFINED
AS "TORTURE" IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS UNDERTAKINGS.)

4. [] INDICATED THAT, AFTER INITIAL INTERROGATION, HE WAS TAKEN TO JALALABAD WHERE HE WAS COMPELLED TO DON A MILITARY UNIFORM. HE WAS THEN TAKEN TO KABUL WHERE HE WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHY HE WAS DRESSED IN A UNIFORM. A11 86

5. [] SAID THAT HE SHARED A FOUR BY THREE METER CELL WITH THREE AFGHAN PRISONERS. HIS INTERROGATIONS HAVE CEASED AND HE EXPECTS TO BE TRIED ON UNKNOWN CHARGES IN COMING WEEKS. [] CLAIMED THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT FOOD AND CLOTHING IN JAIL. HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY MEDICINE, CHOCOLATES, NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER MATERIAL FORWARDED TO THE ITALIAN EMBASSY. [] ALSO HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO CUT HIS HAIR AND BEARD. HE BELIEVED THAT THE RA WISHED TO PORTRAY HIM PUBLICLY AS A PERSON WHO HAD ENTERED THE COUNTRY IN THE GUISE OF AN AFGHAN. HE INDICATED THAT, UNLESS HE WAS ALLOWED TO HAVE A BARBER, HE WOULD BURN HIS HAIR AND BEARD BEFORE TRIAL.

6. [] INDICATED THAT, AFTER HIS INITIAL INTERROGATION, HE WAS NOT FURTHER TORTURED. HE SAID THAT HE WAS ASKED BY INTERROGATORS ABOUT HIS CONNECTIONS WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AND EMBASSIES BUT WAS NOT QUERIED ABOUT ASSOCIATION WITH ANY OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

7. [] SAID HE HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO WRITE LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS BUT THESE HAVE NEVER BEEN TRANSMITTED. [] SAID HE LOOKED PHYSICALLY FIT BUT UNDER GREAT PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS.

8. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO QUERY EMBASSY ROME ABOUT INTENDED GOI HANDLING OF ALLEGED TORTURE.

9. MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. GLASSMAN
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